PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
16 July 1957

2. LOCATION
Hastings, Michigan

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local _____
GMT 16/0705Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☐ No

6. SOURCE
Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
35 minutes

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
five

9. COURSE
NE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
Five moving objects. First object appeared as size of big star coming into view from West, later reappearing to the North followed by four smaller objects which at times seemed to join and rejoin then all objects moved off northeasterly and disappeared.

11. COMMENTS
After review, and investigation, determined to be a/c in refueling operation.

12. CONCLUSIONS
☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon
☒ Was Aircraft Refuel Opr.
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft
☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical
☐ Other _____
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: UFOBs

SEP 18 1957

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Battle Creek, Michigan	7th AF, Ent AFB, Colo.

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
2 Aug 1957	16 July 1957	B-3

PREPARED BY (Officer)

SOURCE: Letter from Observer

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

None

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II)

Information on possible UFOB's was received by letter from [redacted], regional newspaper reporter of the Battle Creek, Michigan, Enquirer-News. Mr. [redacted] home is Hastings, Michigan, approximately 25 miles north of Battle Creek, where the sightings took place.

Mr. [redacted] along with two other Hastings, Mich., residents, observed between 0705Z and 0710Z on 16 July 1957 a total of five unidentified moving objects which they termed UFOBs. According to their sighting, a large flying object the size of a big star first came into view from the west and moved in an arc generally from west to east. The observers said they later saw the large object reappear to the north followed by four smaller objects which at times seemed to join and rejoin. Eventually, all objects sighted moved off in a northeasterly direction and disappeared.

light of reflecting [illegible] — they suspect — on to trade the aircraft in.

At the same time, the observers also reported hearing and seeing ten (10) aircraft which they described as probably four-engine prop-driven flying from west-southwest to northeast before disappearing.

Note

A check of Operations records at this squadron revealed at the same time the observers reported seeing these objects a SAC mission "Everglades" was going forward told to the ADCC by 731st Operations. Route of these aircraft was generally from southwest to northeast -- coinciding to some extent with what the observers saw. No exact or definite information is on record at this squadron whether some of these aircraft were being refueled in the air in this area on the night of the sightings. However, it is known that some refueling was done in the area slightly north and northwest of Battle Creek on "Everglades" mission aircraft during mid-July. It is highly possible that at least part of the sightings were "Everglades" aircraft and that the observers also witnessed air-to-air refuelings of these aircraft.

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By H. Quintanilla

Aircraft

1 INCLS. Observer's own report

Also see UFO dept: 14 Aug 57 — Sand Point, Md.

1 cy, Air Def Command, Ent AFB, Colo.

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(1) Description:

(a) oval-shaped appearance with shaft-like shape of a brighter color towards the center of the object.
(b) size of a large star.
(c) color of red-amber or fire color with a brighter, whiter color toward its center
(d) one object was observed at first; witnesses later observedd four smaller objects of similar shape and color; these objects appeared near the larger object
(e) the four smaller objects sighted seemed to line up in a perpendicular formation to the horizon with two of the four joining together, then separating, then rejoining again to leave only the three smaller objects and the one larger one; one of the smaller objects then moved northeast of the other two smaller ones to make an arrowhead type formation; witnesses said the larger object remained during this time in its same relative position; witnesses further stated that finally the smaller objects and the larger object began to move away on a northeasterly route, raising to about ten (10) degrees above the horizon until they all had moved out of sight
(f) discernible feature was a shaft-like whape extending from the center of the objects of a brighter-whiter color
(g) none.
(h) none.
(i) none.

(2) Description of Course:

(a) (b) (c) (d) (e): The larger object was first sighted about five degrees above the horizon on an approximate azimuth of 260 degrees; the object first became invisible for two or three minutes, then reappeared at about the same position. Upon reappearance, witnesses said the object seemed to rise straight up from the horizon about five degrees directly toward a small star and then began to travel in an arc slightly to the south and east toward the moon. The witnesses stated that as the object neared the bright halo around the moon (estimated to have been about five minutes after its reappearance in the west), they heard the sound of several approaching aircraft coming from the west-northwest. The witnesses said that as they heard the sound of the aircraft they turned and counted ten (10) aircraft, believed to have been four-engine type and probably propeller driven. The witnesses said that during this time they had also been keeping the unknown object in sight. After the aircraft had traveled some distance to the northeast, the unidentified object arced down from the moon toward the east. As the aircraft continued out of sight, the object had reached a point nearly due east and about 10 degrees above the horizon from the observers. The witnesses further stated that about seven to 10 minutes after the aircraft they had seen were out of sight and the sounds of the aircraft had vanished, what appeared to be the original object first sighted came into view again due north of them but only three to four degrees above the horizon. A few seconds later, the obeservers said they noticed three, then four smaller objects of similar shape and color appear north and slightly east of the larger object. All the objects later began to move northeast in a route similar to the one taken the aircraft that had been sighted and heard. The objects raised slowly to about ten (10) degrees above the horizon and moved out of sight. Witnesses said about five minutes later, the larger object and the three smaller ones appeared feebly due north and then vanished.

(3) The observation took place over a period of 35 minutes.

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3. Manner of observation:
(a) Ground-visual
(b) No optical aids
(c) [illegible]

4. Observation took place 16 July 1957 -- 0705Z to [illegible].
(d) Night

5. Observers were located two miles northwest of Hastings, Michigan, at the Hastings Raceway.

6. Names of observers:

[redacted], Movie projectionist, USN II Navy veteran, Hastings, Michigan.
[illegible], restaurant owner, Hastings, Michigan.
[illegible] newspaper reporter, Hastings, Michigan.

7. Weather conditions

(a) Slightly hazy with a three-quarter warning moon.
(b) Winds aloft: Surface winds -- West at six (6) knots.
10,000 feet -- 280 at 10 knots
20,000 " -- 270 at 20 knots
30,000 " -- 270 at 30 knots
40,000 " -- 280 at 30 knots
(c) Ceiling clear
(d) Visibility -- 40 miles
(e) Cloud cover -- none
(f) Thunderstorms -- none

8. [illegible].

9. None.

10. A check of the logs of the 701st AC&W Squadron revealed that a SAC mission "Everglades" was passing through this area and being forwarded told to the observers at the time the observation was made. Route and headings correspond generally with what the observers reported.

11. [illegible] C. [illegible], 1/Lt, USAF, Senior Director and Intelligence Officer, 701st AC&W Squadron, Director of Operations, Battle Creek, Michigan.
Comment as to probable area analysis:

Series of SAC missions, titled "Everglades", flew through this area during a period of several days in mid-July. Check of our radar personnel at Grayling AFB on July 16, 1957 -- at time of the observation -- showed that one of these "Everglades" missions was being forwarded told to the observers. There also was some air-to-air refueling in this area by [illegible] although no entries in our log record positive air-to-air refueling in this area at the time the observation was made. The observers, however, in the opinion of this officer, probably saw, or may have observed air-to-air refueling of "Everglades" mission aircraft.

12. [illegible]

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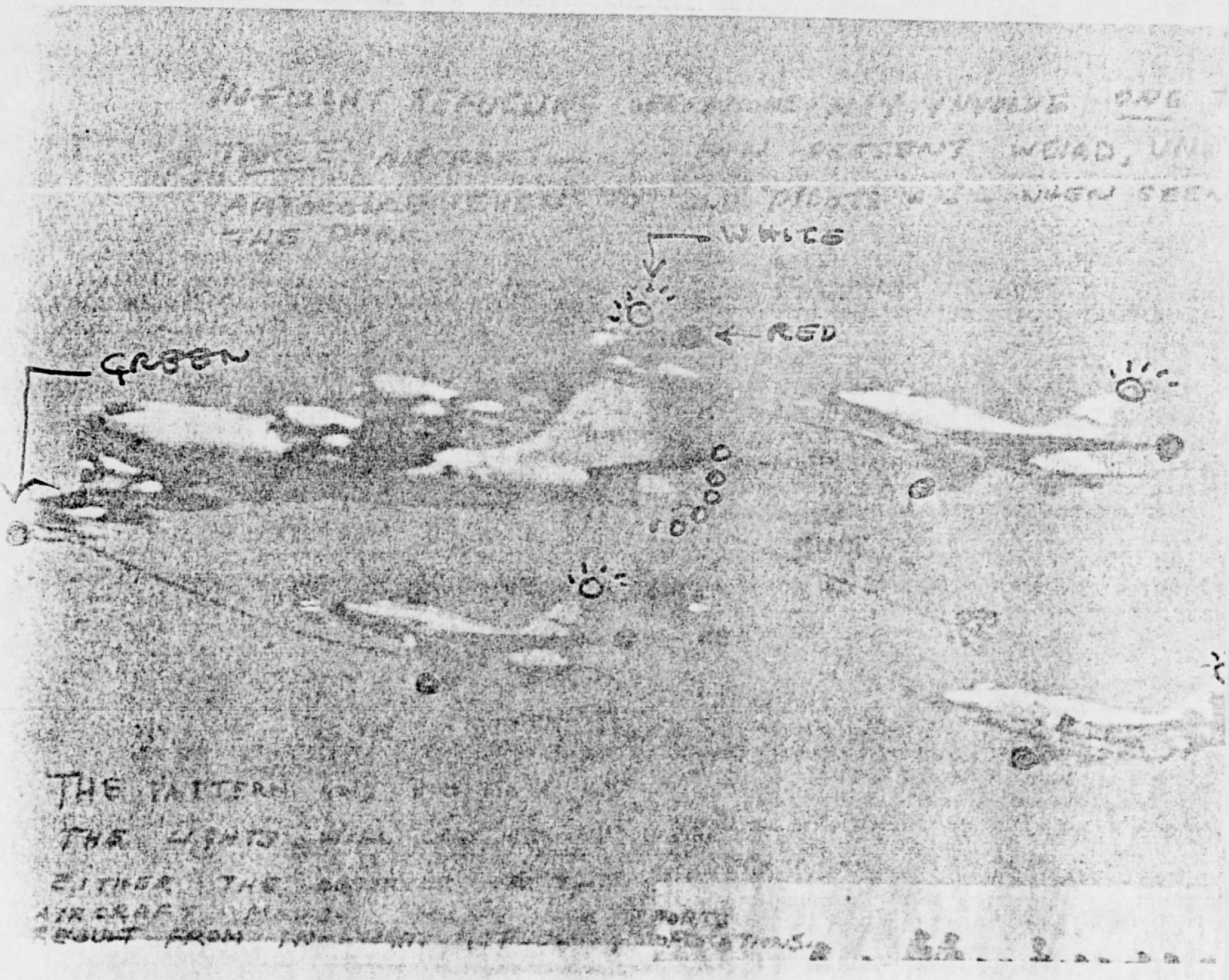
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[redacted]
Port Huron, Michigan.

[redacted]
Pt. Huron, Mich.
Sept. 9, 1963

U. S. Air Force
Pentagon
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Would you please send me some information about flying saucers people have reported. I would like to ask you about somthing. Last year in Port Huron 5 lights blinked in the sotten sky, do you know what these 5 lights were. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

September 18, 1963

Dear [redacted]:

In response to your request of September 9, 1963, for some information about "Flying Saucers", we are sending you two brochures on the subject of unidentified aerial phenomena. We think these brochures may be of interest to you. They include stories of several sightings over the United States during the past years.

On the night of July 16, 1957, five lights were seen in the Port Huron area which appeared to several people as an unusual phenomena. These lights were later identified by the Air Force as being caused by a B-47 refueling mission which was taking place in the area at that time.

Sincerely,

MASTON M. JACKS
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
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Port Huron, Michigan

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Sept. 9/1963

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Yours truly

[redacted]

September 18, 1963

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The five lights over Port Huron which you referred to in your letter occurred on the night of July 16, 1957, and were identified by the Air Force as a B-47 air refueling mission which was taking place in that area at that time.

Sincerely,

MASTON M. JACKS
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Port Huron, Michigan